

I am a licensed General Amateur Radio Operator , I first acquired My License in 1994. During disaster situations Much of the local, state and federal communications systems will experience outages ranging from intermittent, to complete shut-down.

This result has been seen time and time again.

If you look at the U.S. Government's true reasoning and purpose in the creation of Amateur Radio was to create a "Secondary System" of Government Communication, incidents cited above was a prime example of the need for the Secondary Communication's System such as Amateur Radio Service.

And for the Service to continue to be effective today Antennas and Supporting Structure are Essential to the Service to be an effective means of providing Communications during times of need.

The Amateur Radio Station needs to have the flexibility to erect and maintain antenna platform(s) suitable to their geographic location and needs without restrictions.

In closing, the FCC should enact rules and regulations that mandate that a licensed Amateur Radio Operator be exempt from restrictions that inhibits the construction, maintenance and operation of an FCC licensed station. This will insure that the FCC Licensee will be able to maintain the ability to respond to an unexpected emergency situation where traditional established forms of communication have failed and the need to protect public safety overrides someone's opinion of a neighborhood's aesthetic appeal

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